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Line 1, change "The ... to a" to --A--

Lines 5-6, after "lever." delete the paragraph spacing and continue with the words "In a ..."

Lines 13-14, delete "designed ... to be"

Last Line on page, delete "(Figure 1)"

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Line 1, delete "Description"